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California Air Resources Board 1001 I Street. Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CARB Portion of the Aliso Canyon Settlement - SUPPORT

To Whom It May Concern:

We are contacting you on behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation, also known as BizFed. We are an alliance of over 170 business organizations who represent over 390,000 employers with 3.5 million employees in Los Angeles County. As a united federation we advocate for policies and projects that protect our local economy. We are writing to express our support for the proposed settlement between SoCalGas and the California Air Resources Board regarding Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility.

BizFed has long been a supporter of the safe re-opening of Aliso Canyon, as it is a vital energy resource for business and residents in Los Angeles County. We applauded the decision to reopen with safe rigorous standards and we are pleased with the progress the state and SoCalGas has made since it's reopening.

We support the decision to establish a program with the California Air Resources Board to mitigate the methane emissions from the leak. SoCalGas will pay \$26.5 million to create a loan program to fund the construction of 12 dairy digester projects, three conditioning facilities and interconnection pipelines. Dairies are responsible for close to 50 percent of California's methane emissions. Harnessing this methane for use as renewable natural gas is an important step for the state to take in order to attain 2030 climate goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) to 40 percent below 1990 levels.

Lastly, we are very appreciative of this transparent process that allowed the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and Southern California Gas Company the ability to come to a mitigation agreement where all impacted stakeholders including the California Attorney General's Office (AGO), the City of Los Angeles (City), the County of Los Angeles (County) concerns were addressed. BizFed believes this plan addresses our air quality as well as presents a business-friendly way to meet our climate change goals. We hope that you will support this agreement as well and we can continue to address our emission reduction goals together.

Thank you for your consideration of our letter. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Wiltfong at sarah.wiltfong@bizfed.org – who is the policy manager on this subject.

Sincerely,

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